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REPORTS

—OF THE—

TREASURER, SELECTMEN

—AND—

SCHOOL BOARD,

—OF THE—

TOWN OF NEW HAMPTON,

—FOR THE—

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1889.

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Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer *in account with*

The Town of New Hampton, *Dr.*

Cash in treasury March 1, 1888,	$822.38
" of J. M. Flanders, Jr., highway tax 1886,	7.65
" of C. H. Gordon, oxen sold,	151.65
" State R. R. tax,	60.37
" " Savings bank tax,	1,125.71
" " Literary fund,	162.81
" from County of Belknap,	11.00
" " F. G. Blake, collector 1884,	15.00
" " " " 1885,	69.56
" " J. W. Moore, " 1886,	523.14
" " D. H. Smith, " 1888,	5,753.68
" Received for taxes abated for 1887,	5.75
	$8,708.70

Aid for the Poor.

Paid J. H. Harper, wood for N. Glover,	$17.50
A. Burpee & Co., supplies for J. Copp,	87.24
D. D. Seavey, care of J. Copp,	13.00
C. D. Thyng, supplies for J. Copp,	2.85
County of Belknap, board of J. H. Durgin,	72.00
J. P. Gordon, board of R. B. Tilton,	24.00
Dr. G. H. Calley, medical attendance of R. B. Tilton,	11.50
Geo. H. Tilton, drawing wood for J. A. Simonds,	6.00
A. B. Meservey, supplies for Angenette Davis,	35.52
" " Mrs. D. P. Farnham,	15.26
" " C. H. Pickering,	5.00
Dr. Wm. Child, attending J. Copp,	9.50
C. N. Preston, board of "	3.90
S. A. Howard, conveying J. Copp to county farm,	2.50
" clothing for Angenette Davis,	3.00
	$308.77

School Houses.

Paid J. W. Scribner, repairing school houses,	$78.31
" Geo. Brown, school house, district 1,	600.00
	$678.31

Schools.

Paid J. W. Scribner, treasurer of the board,	$855.04
State tax,	$925.00
County tax,	$1,014.68

Sheep Damage.

Paid S. Emerson,	$15.00
J. H. Harper,	5.00
David Sanborn,	6.00
Warren B. Gordon,	3.50
	$29.50

Services.

Paid J. R. Pike, auditor, 1888,	$2.00
L. B. Swain, "	2.00
Geo. Brown, selectman,	83 00
S. A. Howard, selectman,	65.00
C. H. Gordon, "	59.00
C. D. Thyng, treasurer,	40.00
F. P. Morrill, town clerk,	20.00
D. H. Smith, collector,	100.00
" supervisor,	12.00
A. K. Bugbee, "	14.00
L. B. Swain, "	12.00
R. C. Rollins, school board,	47.00
J. W. Scribner, "	50.00
Babcock, "	32.00
	$538.00

Bonds and Interest.

Paid B. S. Gordon, bonds,	$400.00
Mrs. D. E. Fifield, bonds,	300.00
C. D. Thyng, "	100.00
B. S. Gordon, interest on bonds,	16.00
Sarah A. Gordon, interest on bonds,	4.00
Curtis A. Gordon, "	8.00
Mrs. D. E. Fifield, "	28.00
C. D. Thyng, "	4.00
	$860.00

Roads and Bridges.

Paid T. P. Robinson, labor on highway,	$16.35
E. S. Cram, " "	1.10
Ira Martin, " "	25.73
W. B. Plaisted, " "	13.31
S. G. Kelley, " "	20.96

Paid Walter Plaisted,	labor on highway,	$3.00
L. B. Wells,	" "	4.00
J. W. Merrick,	" "	28.88
Geo. S. Goss,	" "	24.95
Curtis Smith,	" "	6.60
A. Burpee & Co.,	lumber,	8.87
O. F. Hawkins,	"	3.00
M. H. Crosby & Co.,	lumber,	98.36
Henry Page,	"	16.52
Taylor & Merrill,	"	24.84
C. P. Stevens,	"	5.24
F. D. Sanborn,	"	5.71
O. Blake,	"	3.17
C. D. Thyng,	expense replanking bridge,	25.56
S. A. Howard,	repairing and painting roller,	3.50
S. A. Howard,	repairing highway,	1.00
H. F. Gordon,	breaking roads,	3.50
S. A. Howard,	"	39.00
F. B. Dalton,	"	29.70
Jennis Grey,	"	11.10
T. P. S. Huckins,	"	26.42
John B. Gordon,	"	31.27
E. M. Huckins,	"	46.50
C. A. Gordon,	"	149.65
S. A. Howard,	"	15.50
N. H. Stow,	"	91.54
L. H. Smith,	"	4.65
James Plaisted	"	5.55
Joseph Lambert,	"	2.40
D. T. Smith,	"	26.83
W. G. Torsey,	"	56.31
L. M. Pike,	"	9 65
J. W. Merrick,	"	13 05
John B. Chase,	"	14.40
Noah S. Ward,	"	51.03
W. R. Robie,	"	1.30
G. H. Sayward	"	6.87

Paid N. B. Boynton, breaking roads,		$9.55
D. P. Wallace,	"	48.30
H. W. Stevens,	"	84.84
M. L. Palmer,	"	34.59
F. G. Blake,	"	35.20
Proctor Wells,	"	20.30
N. P. Haynes,	"	7.50
J. H. Harper,	"	83.53
E. S. Edgerly,	"	12.00
James Gordon,	"	11.25
C. L. Clay,	"	30.76
F. A. Emerson,	"	17.90
John S. Chase,	"	29.86
D. B. & J. S. Whitcher, breaking roads,		3.05
J. H. Harper, breaking roads,		3.15
S. G. Kelley,	"	12.87
Geo. T. Brown,	"	27.00
W. S. Plaisted, breaking roads,		9.55
S. K. Dockham,	"	3.20
Rufus Flanders,	"	11.59
		$1,472.86

Cash Expense of Running Road Machine.

Paid George Brown, 62 days,		$395.54
David Sanborn, labor on highway,		6.03
James Gordon,	"	3.00
F. W. Robinson,	"	1.50
E. C. Wells,	"	5.00
J. B. Chase,	"	3.75
N. L. Ward,	"	2 25
D. L. Tilton,	"	2.25
Noah Rollins,	"	1.50
G. F. Pickering,	"	1.50
E. S. Hopkins,	"	1.50
D. T. Fellows,	"	3.75
		$427.57

General Expenses.

Paid Geo. G. Mann, damage to land moving stone,	$18.00
C. H. Daniels, damage to carriage,	4 00
J. B. Sanborn, blank books,	2.75
J. Hadlock, road machine,	250.00
" castings for road machine,	3 10
" steel edge "	8.00
Freight on machine and castings,	9.07
A. B. Meservey, one yoke of oxen,	162.50
M. H. Merrow, " "	162.50
M. H. Merrow, interest,	1.62
C. P. St. Clair, highway tax overworked,	.50
J. W. Moore, abatements, 1886,	73.42
R. W. Musgrove, printing reports,	30.00
Preston & Jewett, board of selectmen,	16.95
W. C. Sargent, Memorial day expenses,	4.00
J. H. Harper, guide board,	3.50
H. F. Gordon, guide board,	2.00
Geo. Brown, burial permits,	.30
Eli Bunker, wood for town house,	2.00
F. P. Morrill, registering marriages,	.60
" " births,	1.35
" " deaths,	3.00
" burial permits,	2.70
R. W. Musgrove printing check-lists,	5.00
Alden Bowles watering tub, 2 years,	6.00
D. T. Smith, "	2.00
C. L. Clay, "	3.00
S. S. Plaisted, "	3.00
C. P. Stevens, "	1.50
J. H. Harper, "	2.00
J. M. Flanders, "	3.00
A. R. Hanaford, "	3.00
M. L. Palmer, "	3.00
D. T. Smith, "	2.00
A. B. Meservey, "	3.00

Paid D. P. Wallace, watering tub, 2 years,	$6.00
R. M. Gordon, " 2 years,	4.00
J. R. Pike, " 3 years,	9.00
Non-resident highway tax worked,	43.55
J. C. Wallace, care of town house,	5.00
Dr. William Child, return of births and deaths,	3.00
Dr. G. H. Calley, " " "	.75
Fred T. Swain, school books,	.90
F. G. Blake, abatements 1884,	15.00
F. G. Blake, " 1885,	69.56
C. D. Thyng, blank books for school board,	3.00
C. D. Thyng, town officer,	2.50
" " " express, postage and cash paid out,	3.20
A. Burpee & Co., lantern,	.65
A. B. Meservey, nails,	4.20
F. W. Preston, board of Selectmen,	2.25
C. N. Preston, " "	14.05
S. A. Howard, car fare and cash expenses,	6.50
George Brown, " " " " and stationery,	9.69
George Brown, board of Selectmen,	8.00
Jerry Gove, blacksmith bill,	3.26
Mrs. M. H. Dow, lighting bridge,	30.00
D. H. Smith, overtax allowed,	5.20
D. H. Smith, tax paid out of town,	5.16
" " " non-resident tax abated,	5.06
" " " abatements,	67.11
G. Boardman, shaft broken,	2.00
F. P. Morrill, balance of Precinct tax 1887,	25.00
	$1,151.95

RECAPITULATION.

Receipts,		$8,708.70
DISBURSEMENTS.		
Paid Aid for the poor,	$308.77	
School houses,	678.31	
Schools,	855.04	
State tax,	925.00	
County tax,	1,014.68	
Sheep damage,	29.50	
Services,	538.00	
Bonds and interest,	860.00	
Roads and bridges,	1,472.86	
Expense of running road machine,	427.57	
General expenses,	1,151.95	
Cash on hand March 1, 1889,	447.02	
		$8,708.70

Auditors' Report.

New Hampton, Feb. 26, 1889.

This may certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

J. R. PIKE,
L. B. SWAIN, } *Auditors.*

Town Debt March 1, 1889.

TOWN BONDS ON WHICH INTEREST IS PAID TO MARCH 1, 1889.

Curtis A. Gordon,	$200.00
Sarah A. Gordon,	100.00
Mrs. D. E. Fifield,	400.00
	$700.00

Assets and Liabilities.

Bonds outstanding,		$700.00
Cash in Treasury,	$447.02	
Road machine,	250.00	
Copp house,	400.00	
One yoke oxen,	162.50	
		$1,259.52
Assets above Liabilities,	$559.52	

C. D. THYNG, Treasurer.

Selectmen's Report.

Sums of money raised by taxation in 1888.

State tax,	$925.00
County tax,	1,014.68
For the support of schools,	647.50
For town expenses,	500.00
For road machine,	250.00
For the payment of town bonds,	800.00
" interest on bonds,	60.00
For repairing highways,	500.00
For school house tax,	700.00
Dog tax,	78.00
	$5,475.18
Non-resident highway tax put in collector's warrant,	118.72
Percentage for abatements,	159.78
	$5,753.68

Statement of account with Collector.

Total amount committed to D. H. Smith for collection,	$5,753.68
Total amount received from him in receipts from Treasurer and abatements,	5,753.68

Highway labor tax in summer,	$600.00	
" " winter,	800.00	
		$1,400.00

Estimates of Necessary Appropriations for the Ensuing Year.

Bonds due March 1st, 1889,	$700.00
Interest on bonds due March 1st, 1889,	28.00
Town expenses,	500.00
Highway summer tax in money,	750.00
Highway winter tax in labor,	1,000.00

GEO. BROWN,
S. A. HOWARD,
C. H. GORDON,
} Selectmen of New Hampton.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF NEW HAMPTON FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, '88.

Date of Birth—1888.	Name of Child. (if any.)	Male or Female.	Living or Stillborn.	No. of Child, 1st, 2d, &c.	Color.	Name of Father.	Maiden name of Mother.	Color.	Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.
Jan. 21....		F.	Living....	3	W.	Frank B. Smith.....	Carrie M. Smith.....	W.	N. Hampton	Farmer	New Hampton.	Plymouth.....
Feb 19....		F.	"	5	"	Charles W. Coolidge....	Kate L. Coolidge.....	"	"	Dentist.....		
Mar. 17....	Elsie Victoria..	F.	"	5	"	Charles D. Thyng.....	Caroline B. Bowker....	"	"	Druggist.....	Lake Village...	PhippsburghMe
May 27....		M.	"	3	"	Nathaniel Haynes.....	Sarah Sanborn.....	"	"	Farmer	New Hampton.	Bridgewater....
July 30....		M.	"	1	"	John Canney	Abbie A. Evans Canney	"	"	Farmer	Canada.....	New Hampshire
Aug. 8....		M.	Stillborn..	1	"	Orrin E. Kingsbury....	H. P. Nelson Kingsbury	"	"	Teacher.....	New Hampshire	Vermont.....
Nov. 20....	Florence Emma	F.	Living....	4	"	Joseph H. Allen.....	Ella L. Allen.....	"	"	Farmer	Enfield, Me....	Lowell, Mass...
Dec. 5....		M.	"	3	"	George F. Pickering....	Carrie E. Pickering....	"	"	Farmer	Laconia.....	Meredith.....
June 7....	Lucias.....	M.	"	2	"	Edw T. Gordon.....	Eva G. Gordon.....	"	"	Blacksmith.....	Hill.....	Lake Village...

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF NEW HAMPTON FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, '88.

Date of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Age in years.	Color of each.	Occupation.	Place of Birth	Names of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Occupation.	1st, 2d, or 3d Marriage	Name, Residence, and Official Station of person by whom married.
June 8	Leston L. Welch.....	New Hampton..	20	W.	Laborer.....	Bristol.....	Benjamin Welch.....	Campton.....	Laborer.....	1	H. P. Peck,
							Mercey Welch.....	Wentworth.....	Housewife.....		
	Hattie M. Merrill....	Rumney.....	17	W.		Rumney.....	Charles M. Merrill.....		Carpenter.....	1	Plymouth.
							Amanda Merrill.....		Deceased.....		
Sept. 1	John S. Fifield.....	New Hampton..	21	W.	Farmer.....	NewHampton	A. J. Fifield.....	Penacook.	Farmer...	1	J. C. Fifield,
							Lizzie Evans Fifield....	Rumney	Housewife.....		
	Cora B. Wallace.....	New Hampton..	18	W.		NewHampton	Reuben Wallace.....	Deceased..		1	Hill.
							Emma Hanaford Hayes		Housewife.....		
Oct. 3	Fred L. Shaw.....	New Hampton..	27	W.	Farmer.....	Meredith.....	Daniel Shaw..... ..	Deceased.....		1	J. H. Bliss,
							Sarah Shaw.....	Deceased.....			
	Lizzie Harvey.....	Franklin.....	18	W.		Canaan.....	Melvin Harvey.....	Canaan....	Farmer	1	Franklin.
							Mary Harvey.....	Canaan.....	Housewife.....		
Dec. 23	Wilbor J. Rollins.....	New Hampton..	28	W.	Laborer.....	NewHampton	Noah S. Rollins.....	New Hampton..	Farmer	1	Daniel M. Dearborn,
							Elvira Bickford Rollins.	Meredith.....	Housewife.....		
	Josie L. Brown.....	Franklin.....	27	W.		Northfield....	Leroy Brown..... ...		Farmer	2	New Hampton.
							Sarah Glines Brown....	Concord..	Housewife.....		

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF NEW HAMPTON FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, '88.

Date of Death--1888	Name and Surname of the deceased.	Age. Years.	Months	Days.	Place of Birth.	Sex.	Color	Single, Married, or Widowed.	Occupation.	Place of Birth of Father.	Place of Birth of Mother.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.
Feb. 1....	George R. Hilard....	68		...		M.	W.	W.	Laborer.....	Holderness.....	Holderness.....		—— Towle.....
" 4....	Ambrose T. Merrill..	84			Freeport, Me...	M.	"	M.	Laborer..... ...	Freeport, Me...		William Merrill....	Lydia Merrill.....
" 10....	Abbie S. Sanborn	63		.	New Hampton.	F.	"	M.	Housewife.....	New Hampton.		Jonathan D. Kelley	
Mar. 30....	Albert H. Wason. ...	21	11	26	Chester	M.	"	S.	Student	Chester.....	Candia.....	John Wason.....	Lavina Dalbert.....
May 30....	Wallace Sanborn.....	71	8	23	New Hampton.	M.	"	M.	Farmer..			Samuel Wallace....	—— Sanborn.....
June 4....	Fanny Huse.....	76	4	24	Sanbornton.....	F.	"	W.	Housewife.....	Sanbornton....	Meredith.....	Richard Plummer..	Sally Fox.....
" 10....	Samuel Plaisted.....	92	11	...	New Hampton.	M.	"	M.	Farmer			Samuel Plaisted....	Margarett Huckins.
" 23....	Joseph B. Piper.....	21	10	2	Sanbornton.....	M.	"	S.	Student	Sanbornton.....	New Hampton.	John P. Piper.....	Evean na S. Piper...
July 5....	Mercey E. Welch....	52	5	10		F.	"	M.	Housewife.....			—— Brock.....	
" 20 ...	Wiggins S. Gilman...	65	1	20	New Hampton.	M.	"	M.	Farmer			Joseph Gilman.....	—— Roberts.. ...
" 25....	Noah Woodman	79	4	18	New Hampton.	M.	"	M.	Farmer			Thomas Woodman..	Polly Pease... ...
Aug. 2....	Dorcas Hanaford.....	84	7	22	New Hampton.	F.	"	M.	Housewife.....	New Hampton.		John Huckins.....	—— Perkins.....
" 8....	Lydia Merrill.....	84	11			F.	"	W.	Housewife.....				
.....	Infant.....				New Hampton.	M.	"			New Hampshire	Vermont.....	Orrin E. Kingsbury	Hannah P. Nelson..
Sept. 21....	Miriam C. Babcock...	70	5		Wilmot	F.	"	M.	Housewife.. ...			Henry Tewksbury..	Martha Clement....
Oct. 29....	Mary E. Smith.....	70	6	10	Kingsbury.....	F.	"	M.	Housewife.....	Kensington	So. Newmarket	Daniel C. Prescott..	Francis R. Prescott.
Nov. 17....	Lucias S. Gordon.....	61	5	12	New Hampton.	M.	"	M.	Blacksmith.....	New Hampton.	Sanbornton	T. S. Gordon.....	R. M. Taylor.....
Dec. 2....	Elvira B. Martin.....	63	2	18	Rumney.....	F.	"	M.	Housewife.....	Rumney.....	Rumney.....	Andrew Avery... ...	
" 2....	Mary Mooney.....	80	10		New Hampton.	F.	"	W.	Housewife.....	New Hampton.	New Hampton.	—— Moore.....	Mary Moore.....
" 11....	Louisa A. McLellen..	18	4	24	New Hampton.	F.	"	S.	Student.....	Virginia.....	Bristol.....	Geo. B. McLellen..	Emma M. Moore...

I hereby certify that the above returns are correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

F. P. MORRILL, Town Clerk.

ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—

SCHOOL BOARD.

We have the honor to present to the citizens of New Hampton the following report, it being the third report under the new law.

Respectfully,

R. C. ROLLINS,
J. W. SCRIBNER,
C. S. BABCOCK,
} School Board.

It has been the purpose of the School Board to give the fullest information possible concerning the schools of New Hampton. For this reason two tables of statistics have been prepared. One gives the results for each term, the other for the year. According to the enumeration of the selectmen, there were last April 158 children in town between the ages of five and fifteen —boys 78, girls 80. According to the registers, there were enrolled 198 children belonging to the town—boys 96, girls 102. Of these, two were under five years of age, and twenty-one over fifteen. Thus there were 175 different pupils in school between the ages of five and fifteen, a number exceeding the selectmen's enumeration by 17. This increase is to be accounted for by several families moving into town after the enumeration was taken. Only one is reported as not being in school between the ages above mentioned. Thirty-six children in town have attended the New Hampton Institution, according to the last catalogue. In the summer there were twelve schools under the

care of the Board, in the fall, ten It was deemed best to have no school in the fall in either No. 10 or 13; with these two exceptions each school had the same number of weeks of instruction for the year, viz., 17. The average length of all the schools for the year is 15.5 weeks, last year it was 19.1. The average length in the county last year was 23 weeks, and in the seven towns that bound New Hampton 23.42 weeks. Only one town in the seven was less than New Hampton, and the average there was 17.16 weeks, a higher average than New Hampton has this year. The number of weeks for all the schools exclusive of No. 9 (Union District), is 169; last year, 191. The reason of this is that for the first time in many years the town failed to appropriate the usual $300 above what the law requires. This action has embarrassed the Board, for it was necessary not only to lessen the number of weeks of instruction, but also the average wages of teachers. The average wages per month last year was $21.75; this year, $20.47, yet for the county the average last year was $27.11, and for the seven towns that bound New Hampton, $25.55. Only one town in these pay less than New Hampton These things ought not so to be. New Hampton ought not to do less fo her children than other towns of like grade. We cannot expect to compete with towns of large villages with well graded schools from the primary department to the high school, but we shall suffer in reputation and character, if we do not equal or excel the adjoining towns that possess no better facilities than ourselves, but to do this there must be a larger appropriation of money to secure more weeks of instruction and more efficient teachers. And yet, concerning teachers, we have no great reason to complain when we consider the wages we pay and the short terms of school we offer. Some of the teachers were faithful, painstaking, and deserved better places than we could give them. The Board has reasons to believe that there has been general satisfaction in the districts where the several teachers taught. Those who have been the most dissatisfied have been the members of the School Board.

In the smaller schools the discipline has been easy and the order good, but in some of the larger ones there has been more

or less confusion from lip study and other causes. To ascertain whether or not there might be improvement in these respects, one member of the Board visited twenty-three schools in different parts of the state to observe the methods of teaching, discipline and general deportment. What was observed was this: That while some schools were noisy, restless, troubled with lip study, hand raising, looking backward, and noise from slate falling, the use of crayon and the movement of body, yet in a majority of them there was good order, freedom from lip study and unnecessary noise. What is to be especially noted, teachers generally dispensed with text-books in asking questions. They knew what they were to teach and taught what they knew. Those teachers had a variety of exercises, singing for the whole school, military drills, blackboard exercises, object lessons. This variety of exercise broke up the monotony of the school room, and prevented the necessity of dismissing the small children before the close of the school.

It is true that the results reached in these graded schools cannot to the same extent be secured in mixed ones like our own, but a vast improvement can be made, and some of these troubles that annoy can be removed. One great need of the hour is uniform text books, and a set of these provided for every teacher. No teacher can do justice to the lessons to be taught without some study of them, however much experience he may have, but we cannot insist that he buy them as long as every school may have different books, nor can we altogether insist that he teach without one in hand, if none are furnished him to study. The various text-books used in town, where there are more than one kind, are given, that the lack in uniformity may be seen. They are as follows:

Reader:	*Speller:*
Appleton.	Monroe.
Franklin.	Town & Holbrook.
Lippincott.	Warren.
Monroe.	Worcester.
Swinton.	

Arithmetic.	*Geography.*
Bradbury & Eaton.	Cornell.
Fisk.	Harper.
Greenleaf.	Swinton.
Robinson.	Warren.
Colburn. (Mental.)	
Grammar.	*History.*
Green.	Barnes.
Harvey.	Quackenbos.
Swinton.	
Wells.	

Algebra.

Bradbury.
Greenleaf.

Whether or not free text-books should be provided by law for pupils as well as teachers, certainly they should be uniform in the interest of parents, children and teachers.

It is evident there is need of improvement in the classification of studies It is probable that a majority of the children will receive all the education they will ever have in the public school. Be it so, or not, the number in Grammar, History and Composition, is far too small. They are needed as a preparation to enter higher grades of school. If such a course of study is never taken, there is so much the more need that they be studied in the common school. More than three-fifths of the pupils this year are above ten years of age, yet less than two-fifths studied Grammar, only about one-eighth studied History, and not one in fourteen Composition. Physiology is required by law to be taught orally or otherwise to all the pupils. This was strongly enjoined upon the teachers, but the result is that only about one-third of the pupils were thus taught. It is probable the children themselves select largely the branches they study, and therefor discard what they dislike. The adoption of free text books may help to a better classification in our ungraded schools.

After all, the greatest hindrance to the success of our schools is irregularity of attendance. Some are not ready to enter when the term begins, others leave before the term closes. Still others are irregular from the beginning to the end of the term. The absences from this latter class are nearly as numerous as those of the former. The aggregate is 5,608 half days —560 school weeks. The average is 26 half days or two and three-fifths weeks to every pupil enrolled in all our schools. This is an alarming statement. It interferes sadly with our success. It renders almost worthless the schooling of those who are very irregular, retards the progress of those who are constant, and influences some to become irregular who otherwise would not be. It lowers the general average, discourages teachers, and dishonors our schools and our town. Our State Superintendent declares these irregularities to be the pests of the school. He compares them to rust and mildew, and the annoying and marring work of insects. Rightly he makes parents largely responsible for it. He says, "In every town there are parents who, either too ignorant to appreciate, or too selfish to regard the interests of society, or the welfare of their children, will, for the paltry value of a child's labor, or to gratify its love of play, become the conscious or unconscious agents in disturbing the discipline, breaking down the classification, and destroying the usefulness of schools by causing or allowing their children to be continually irregular in their attendance."

In contrast with this is the fact, that in the summer term 68 pupils out of 175 were perfect in attendance. This is more than 38 per cent. The record is far from being as good in the fall term, for only 42 out of 187 were never absent, a little more than 22 per cent. There were 30 for the year who were never absent.

The Board began their year with the purpose that each member should visit every school once, and if a new teacher was employed the second term, then twice, that each might personally observe the work of every teacher. While the law requires two visits for each term, which would make 44 in all, the Board

made 81 visits, or nearly four for each term of school. The visits of others exceed considerably the number last year. There were 365 this year, 297 last year. It would be well, if the date of these visits we e recorded in the register, that it might be known how many visits were on the days of ordinary school work, and how many on "parade days" of public exhibition. It will be observed that in seven out of ten districts where there were two terms of schools, the same teacher taught both terms. It is not the fault of the Board that the number is not even larger than this. A change of teachers the same year, unless a more efficient one is secured, is a detriment. Of the fourteen teachers employed, four taught for the first time. Two have received Normal instruction.

Our school houses are poorly equipped for teacher's work. Only one has a globe and that an old one; only three have wall maps. No. 4 has seven, No. 5 has five, No. 13 has one, and the maps are generally in a dilapidated condition. No school house has a clock, library, reference book, or any other illustrative apparatus. All the school rooms are not well supplied with blackboards, and many of them are poor in quality. The estimated value of all these equipments is but $25, a little over two dollars for each school. Comment is needless. The average estimated value for each town in the county for all apparatus exceeds $200.

Our school houses as a whole are not creditable to the town. They rank all the way from good to worthless. It was expected a new school house would have been built in time for use the fall term in Nos. 1 and 6, and thus supercede two worthless ones, but the location was contested and thus delayed its building. However, it is now under contract to be ready for the next term of school.

For want of school houses a school was taught in a private dwelling house the summer term in No. 10, also for both terms in Nos. 8 and 12. For this latter place we recommend that a sufficient amount of money be raised to buy a lot and build a school house, for there is great need of it, and besides the room rented this past year for school purposes can no longer be

had. The school house in No. 15, also in No. 16, and one side of the house in No. 7, have been shingled the past year. One thousand dollars could well be laid out on our school houses, painting outside and inside, replacing the old-fashioned home-made double seats, with the more commodious single seats, and other improvements that need not be mentioned. But as long as there is a new school house to build each year, we have heart to recommend only what is imperatively demanded. Yet, when the estimated value of all our school houses, sites, and furniture is but $3.300, less than $300 for each, it is clearly evident that our good name will suffer if we do not furnish our children neat and attractive, well-located school houses, sufficiently equipped for all their needs. The average value for each school house in the county is $819. For the towns that bound New Hampton, $672. Good school houses are a recommendation to any town. We recommend that our school houses be re-numbered so that two numbers may not be applied to the same school, as 1 and 6 and 8 and 12. There is no fitness in having No. 16 near Hill and No. 17 near Ashland. Again certain numbers have dropped out, in consequence of changes made in the past, as 2 and 14. Will it not be well to have the numbers correspond to the situation, as it now is? There are other needs, but we dare recommend nothing more. A graded school in New Hampton village is needed, it would help wonderfully in classification and general efficiency, but this would mean another school house, a thing devoutly to be wished, but the mere hope of it must be deferred.

What to do with our districts of few pupils is a problem ever before us, crying for solution, but no solution comes. Six schools, one half our number, had from four to twelve pupils, the aggregate was only 49. Two schools could easily accommodate them, but distance prevents. If there could be an entire re-location of school houses, seven or eight would answer our purpose with no serious inconvenience to any. Let our aim be toward the best, saving what we can and as much as we can as the years go by. This much we can do, make each year an improvement on the preceding.

School No. 1 and 6.

Summer term. Teacher, Miss Inez M. Andrews, of Ashland. Number of pupils, 19. Average attendance, 15. Percentage of daily attendance, 88.23. Length of school, 8 weeks. Visits, 24.

ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE.

Gordon, Clarence J.
Cram, Mabel
Whitcher, Mamie E.
Whitcher, Phebe M.
Hawkins, Arthur
Hawkins, Florence
Whitcher, Mina J.

Fall term. Teacher, Miss Inez M. Andrews, of Ashland. Number of pupils, 19. Average attendance, 15. Percentage of daily attendance, 83.33. Length of school, 9 weeks. Visits, 14.

ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE.

Whitcher, Mamie E.
Whitcher, Phebe M.
Whitcher, Mina J.

School No. 3.

Summer term. Teacher, Miss Emma Thompson, of Meredith. Number of pupils, 13. Average attendance, 12. Percentage of daily attendance, 92.31. Length of school, 8 weeks. Visits, 19.

ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE.

Wallace, Willie
Dearborn, Abbie
Wallace, Annie
Bunker, Sadie
Gordon, Flora

Fall term. Teacher, Miss Emma Thompson, of Meredith. Number of pupils, 19. Average attendance, 13. Percentage of daily attendance, 81. Length of school, 9 weeks. Visits, 3.

ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE.

Smith, Alvin
Smith, Ethel
Dearborn, Abbie
Smith, Minnie

School No. 4.

Summer term. Miss Anna L. Plumer, of Alexandria, was employed as teacher, but failure in health compelled her to resign the second week. Great was the disappointment in the loss of such a teacher. Miss Kate Child, of New Hampton, was teacher for the remaining six weeks. Number of pupils, 36. Average attendance, 33. Percentage of daily attendance, 97. Length of school, 8 weeks. Visits, 28.

ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE.

Child, J. D.	Drake, Roy
Merrow, Fred	Preston, Nat
Sanborn, Leon	Scribner, Woodbury J.
Thyng, Arthur	Flanders, Alice
Preston, Margie	Seavey, Lula
Thyng, Cora H.	Tilton, Nellie

Fall term. Teacher, Mr. O. E. Kingsbury, of New Hampton. Number of pupils, 39. Average attendance, 26 Percentage of daily attendance, 83.87. Length of school, 9 weeks. Visits, 21.

ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE.

Currier, Fred	Scribner, Woodbury J.
Preston, Margie	

School No. 5.

Summer term. Teacher, Mr. George W. Gilman, of New Hampton. Number of pupils, 24. Average attendance, 22. Percentage of daily attendance, 97.77. Length of school, 8 weeks. Visits, 55.

ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE.

Batchelder, Charles	Batchelder, Prescott D.
Johnson, John	Hopkins, Amy M.
Hopkins, Eva	Hopkins, Katie H.
Howard, Ella	Johnson, Fannie
Johnson, Laura	Johnson, Minnie
Merrill, Elnora	Pike, Rena

Fall term. Teacher, Mr. George W. Gilman, of New Hampton. Number of pupils, 31. Average attendance, 27. Percentage of daily attendance, 92.52. Length of school, 9 weeks. Visits, 53.

ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE.

Sherburne, Louis
Hopkins, Amy
Johnson, Fannie
Johnson, Laura
Johnson, Mamie

SCHOOL NO. 7.

Summer term. Teacher, Richard Pattee, of New Hampton. Number of pupils, 7. Average attendance, 5. Percentage of daily attendance, 83.33. Length of school, 8 weeks. Visits, 8.

ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE.

Blake, Elwin A.
Martin, Hadley B.

Fall term. Teacher, Miss Hattie A. Plummer, of Meredith. Number of pupils, 8. Average attendance, 7. Percentage of daily attendance, 95 89. Length of school, 9 weeks. Visits, 9.

ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE.

Blake, Elwin A.
Blake, Ida M.

SCHOOL NO. 8 AND 12.

Summer term. Teacher, Mrs. Emma L. Walker, of New Hampton. Number of pupils, 9. Average attendance, 6. Percentage of daily attendance, 75. Length of school, 8 weeks. Visits, 10.

ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE.

Campbell, Frank B.
Walker, Etta S.
Wells, Ethel M.

Fall term. Teacher, Mrs. Emma L. Walker, of New Hampton. Number of pupils, 10. Average attendance, 8. Percentage of daily attendance, 88.88. Length of school, 9 weeks. Visits, 19.

ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE.

Campbell, Frank B.
Walker, Etta S.
Wells, Carrie E.

School No. 9. (Union.)

Summer term. Teacher, Miss Ada M. Flanders, of New Hampton. Number of pupils, 15. Average attendance, 14. Percentage of daily attendance, 93.33. Length of school, 8 weeks. Visits, 28.

ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE.

Drake, Ellen F.
Flanders, Addie L.
Perkins, Mary E.
Flanders, Villa E.

Fall term. Teacher, Miss Ada M. Flanders, of New Hampton. Number of pupils, 15. Average attendance, 12. Percentage of daily attendance, 85.71. Length of school, 9 weeks. Visits, 19.

ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE.

Drake, Ellen F.
Flanders, Addie L.
Flanders, Villa E.
Perkins, Mary E.

School No. 10.

Summer term. Teacher, Miss Nellie W. Dalton, of New Hampton. Number of pupils, 7. Average attendance, 5.16. Percentage of daily attendance, 94.67. Length of school, 8 weeks. Visits, 21.

None on the roll of perfect attendance.

School No. 11.

Summer term. Teacher, Miss Kathleen T. Piper, of New Hampton. Number of pupils, 8. Average attendance, 7. Percentage of daily attendance, 95.42. Length of school, 7 weeks. Visits, 8.

ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE.

Gordon, Leon B.
Gordon, Warren A.
Burleigh, Ada M.
Gordon, Alice M.
Gordon, Lillie M.

Fall term. Teacher, Miss Lora E. Brown, of New Hampton. Number of pupils, 7. Average attendance, 6. Percentage of daily attendance, 95.78. Length of school, 10 weeks. Visits, 26.

ROLL OF PE FECT ATTENDANCE.

Gordon, Leon B.	Gordon, Warren A.
Gordon, Alice M.	Gordon, Lillie M.

School No. 13.

Summer term. Teacher, Mrs. Cynthia A. Hill, of Sanbornton. Number of pupils, 22. Average attendance, 19. Percentage of daily attendance, 90.47. Length of school, 7 weeks. Visits, 12.

ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE.

Bowles, Amasa	Flanders, George W.
Babcock, Annie E.	Babcock, Jessie E.
Berry, Lon	Bonner, Martha
Bonner, Mary	Flanders, Nellie M.
Huckins, Carrie E.	Mudgett, Ella M.

Fall term. Teacher, Mrs. Cynthia A. Hill, of Sanbornton. Number of pupils, 27. Average attendance, 23. Percentage of daily attendance, 88.46. Length of school, 10 weeks. Visits, 12.

ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE.

Berry, John G.	Bowles, Amasa
Flanders, George N.	Plaisted, Ede L.
Babcock, Jessie L.	Berry, Ada J.
Berry, Lon	Bonner, Martha
Bonner, Mary	Huckins, Mary L.
Mudgett, Ella M.	

School No. 16.

Summer term. Teacher, Fred T. Swain, of New Hampton. Number of pupils, 11. Average attendance, 9. Percentage of daily attendance, 92.97. Length of school, 8 weeks. Visits, 13.

ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE.

Hannaford, Fritz D.	Chase, Clara A.
Chase, Mary F.	Chase, Lillian R.
Hannaford, Jennie M.	Wells, Flora M.

Fall term. Teacher, T. Swain, of New Hampton. Number of pupils, 12. Average attendance, 8.7. Percentage of daily attendance, 87.96. Length of school, 9 weeks. Visits, 12.

ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE.

Kenny, Frank P. Chase, Lillian R.
Chase, Mary F.

SCHOOL NO. 17.

Summer term. Teacher, Miss Hattie A. Plummer, of Meredith. Number of pupils, 4. Average attendance, 3.2. Percentage of daily attendance, 86.52. Length of school, 8 weeks. Visits, 12.

None on the roll of perfect attendance.

Treasurer's Report

—FOR THE—

SCHOOL BOARD,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1889.

J. W. Scribner, Treasurer, in account with the School District:

Receipts.

Received from M. H. Merrrow, balance from last year,	$123.27
Interest on bank deposit,	1.50
From C. D. Thyng, town treasurer, school money,	647.50
Literary fund,	145.04
Dog tax,	62.50
On appropriation for repairs,	78.31
From John Webster for Meredith district,	20.12
" John Perkins for Union district (No. 9),	40.25
" Solon Dolloff, tuition for Bristol district,	2.00
Total,	$1,120.49

Expenditures.

Paid for instruction,	$965.72	
Repairs,	78.31	
Wood,	41.20	
Cleaning school-houses,	9.60	
Rent for school-rooms,	8.50	
Brooms, dust pans, water pail, and crayons,	2.91	
Conveyance,	1.50	
Postage and stationery,	1.18	
School notices,	.75	
Oil cloth,	.30	
		$1,109.97
Amount on hand,		$10.52

EXPENDITURES FOR EACH SCHOOL.

School No. 1 and 6.

Crayon,	$.18	
Wood,	3.75	
Instruction,	102.00	
		$105.93

School No. 3.

Cleaning house,	$.60	
Wood,	4.25	
Instruction,	93.50	
		$98.35

School No. 4.

Crayon,	$.15	
Broom,	.25	
Repairs,	1.67	
Cleaning house,	2 25	
Wood,	2.80	
Instruction,	118.62	
		$125.74

School No. 5.

Water pail and broom,	$.50	
Cleaning house,	1.00	
Repairs,	2.82	
Wood,	3.00	
Instruction,	93.50	
		$100.82

School No. 7.

Broom and dust pan,	$.55	
Cleaning house and yard,	1.25	
Wood,	3.75	
Repairs,	30.83	
Instruction,	72.50	
		$108.88

School No. 8 and 12.

Wood,	$ 2.00	
Rent of room,	5.00	
Instruction,	68.00	
		$75.00

School No. 9. (Union.)

Cleaning house,	$1.00	
Wood,	3.00	
Instruction,	76.50	
		$80.50

School No. 10.

Crayon,	$.10	
Conveyance,	1.50	
Rent of room,	3.50	
Instruction,	32.40	
		$37.50

School No. 11.

Dust pan,	$.15	
Repairs,	.56	
Cleaning house,	1.25	
Wood,	4.15	
Instruction,	76.50	
		$82.61

School No. 13.

Broom,	$.25	
Repairs,	.50	
Cleaning house,	1.25	
Wood,	8.00	
Instruction,	105.50	
		$115.50

School House No. 15.

Repairs,	$19.20

School No. 16.

Crayon,	$.25	
Oil cloth,	.30	
Broom and dust pan,	.43	
Cleaning house,	1.00	
Wood,	5.00	
Repairs,	21.27	
Instruction,	85.00	
		$113.25

School No. 17.

Crayon,	$.10	
Repairs,	1.46	
Wood,	1.50	
Instruction,	41.70	
		$44.76
Miscellaneous,		1.93
Total,		$1,109.97

This is to certify that we have examined the above accounts, and find them properly vouched and correctly cast.

J. R. PIKE,
L. B. SWAIN, } Auditors.

Statistical Table for the Year.

No. of school.	Length of school in weeks.	No. of different pupils enrolled.	No. of boys.	No. of girls.	No. of pupils under five years.	No. over fifteen years.	No. between five and fifteen.	No. under six years.	No. over sixteen years.	No. between six and sixteen.	Average daily attendance.	Percentage of daily attendance.	No. of absences of all kinds in half days.	Average No. of absences to each pupil in half days.	No. on roll of perfect attendance.	Cost of instruction for each school.	Cost of instruction for each pupil.	No. of visits.
1–6	17	20	7	13	0	1	19	0	1	19	15	85.78	678	34	3	$102.00	$5.10	39
3	17	19	11	8	0	4	15	0	3	16	12	86.65	594	31	1	93.50	4.92	22
4	17	41	23	18	0	2	39	3	2	36	30	90.46	1431	35	2	118.62	2.90	49
5	17	33	17	16	0	5	28	1	3	29	24	95.14	506	15	4	93.50	2.84	118
7	17	10	5	5	0	0	10	1	0	9	6	89 61	282	28	1	72.50	7 25	19
8–12	17	13	6	7	1	2	10	2	1	10	7	81.94	359	28	2	68 00	5 23	32
9	17	18	5	13	0	1	17	0	1	17	13	89.52	347	19	4	76.50	4.25	47
10	8	7	3	4	0	0	7	0	0	7	5	94.67	147	21	0	32.40	4.63	21
11	17	8	5	3	0	0	8	0	0	8	7	95.60	165	21	4	76.50	9.56	38
13	17	29	12	17	1	1	27	2	0	27	21	89.46	613	21	7	105.50	3.64	24
16	17	13	6	7	0	5	8	1	3	9	9	90.46	423	33	2	85.00	6.54	25
17	8	4	1	3	0	0	4	1	0	3	3.2	86.52	63	16	0	41.70	10.42	12
12	186	215	101	114	2	21	192	11	14	190	152.2	89 59	5608	26	30	$965.72	$4.49	446

STATISTICAL TABLE BY TERMS.

No. of School.	No. of Terms.	Teachers.	Wages per month including board.	No. of weeks.	No. of pupils each term.	No. of boys.	No. of girls.	No. in reading and spelling.	No. in penmanship.	No. in arithmetic.	No. in geography.	No. in grammar	No. in history.	No. in composition	No. in physiology.	Book-keeping.	No. in algebra.	Non-membership in half-days.	Other absences in half-days.	No. on the roll of perfect attendance.	No. of visits by the school board.	No. of visits by parents and others.
1–6	1	Inez M. Andrews.	$24 00	8	19	7	12	18	18	12	9	9	0	3	3	0	1	200	92	7	4	21
1–6	2	" "	24 00	9	19	7	12	19	19	13	8	8	0	0	2	0	1	94	292	3	2	12
3	1	Emma Thompson.	22 00	8	13	7	6	13	8	13	5	4	1	0	2	1	1	30	67	5	4	15
3	2	" "	22 00	9	19	11	8	19	0	19	6	6	7	0	2	1	1	283	214	4	3	0
4	1	Kate Child.	28 00	8	36	20	16	36	8	34	26	19	0	0	2	0	0	153	109	12	4	24
4	2	Orren E. Kingsbury.	28 00	9	39	21	18	39	31	30	22	10	0	0	2	0	0	67	491	3	7	14
5	1	George W. Gilman.	22 00	8	24	10	14	24	24	13	5	2	2	0	2	0	0	120	45	14	7	58
5	2	" "	22 00	9	31	16	15	31	31	21	11	3	2	0	7	0	0	170	171	5	5	48
7	1	Richard Pattee.	16 00	8	7	4	3	7	3	5	4	1	0	0	7	0	0	112	59	2	4	4
7	2	Hattie A. Plummer.	18 00	9	8	4	4	8	6	6	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	60	51	2	2	9
8–12	1	Emma L. Walker.	16 00	8	9	5	4	9	7	7	4	2	1	1	5	0	0	78	132	3	3	10
8–12	2	" "	16 00	9	10	4	6	10	10	10	8	2	1	0	8	0	0	77	72	3	2	17
9	1	Ada M. Flanders.	18 00	8	15	3	12	15	13	13	13	3	0	0	5	0	0	38	77	4	4	24
9	2	" "	18 00	9	15	5	10	15	13	13	12	9	0	8	6	0	0	120	112	4	2	17
10	1	Nellie W. Dalton.	12 00	8	7	3	4	5	2	2	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	124	23	0	4	17
11	1	Kathleen T. Piper.	18 00	7	8	5	3	8	8	8	6	5	0	0	8	0	0	20	12	5	4	8
11	2	Lora E. Brown.	18 00	10	7	4	3	7	6	7	5	5	2	0	0	0	0	108	25	4	4	22
13	1	Cynthia A. Hill.	26 00	7	22	9	13	22	19	19	13	5	3	3	0	0	0	71	128	10	4	8
13	2	" "	24 00	10	27	11	16	27	19	22	20	4	8	0	15	0	0	72	342	11	2	10
16	1	Fred T. Swain.	20 00	8	11	4	7	10	6	6	6	4	0	0	5	0	0	71	56	6	4	9
16	2	" "	20 00	9	12	6	6	12	9	9	9	8	0	0	8	0	0	192	104	3	2	10
17	1	Hattie A. Plummer.	18 00	8	4	1	3	4	3	3	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	22	4	0	4	8

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